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TO: Lobbyists, Candidate Committees, and Members of the Public

FROM: Wisconsin Ethics Commission

SUBJECT: Lobbyist Personal Contributions to Candidates for Partisan Office
“Allowable Contribution Window”

Yesterday, May 9, 2018, the Legislature concluded its final floor period of the 2017-18 legislative session, pursuant to [2017 Senate Joint Resolution 1](#).

[WIS. STAT. § 13.625\(1m\)\(b\)](#) states:

§ 13.625 Prohibited Practices

(1m)(b) *A lobbyist may make a personal contribution to a partisan elective state official or candidate for partisan elective state office or to the candidate committee of the official or candidate between the first day authorized by law for the circulation of nomination papers as a candidate at a general election or special election and the day of the general election or special election, except that:*

- 1.*** *A contribution to a candidate for legislative office may be made during that period only if the legislature has concluded its final floor period, and is not in special or extraordinary session.*
- 2.*** *A contribution by a lobbyist to the lobbyist's candidate committee for partisan elective state office may be made at any time.*

Therefore, lobbyists are now permitted to make personal contributions to candidates for legislative and all other partisan offices through the General Election on November 6, 2018. Lobbyists will no longer be able to make contributions to any candidates for partisan office on November 7, 2018.

Please note: lobbyists and candidate committees should take special care to ensure that all contributions are sent and reported received in a timely manner so that campaign reports are as accurate as possible.

For questions, please contact Wisconsin Ethics Commission staff utilizing the contact information provided in the header of this letter.

Sincerely,

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